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that there are legal difficulties in the way of preventing expellers being installed and I cannot give more information than that."

Starting of a College in Cuddapah.

* 121 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether Cuddapah is the only district in which facilities for collegiate education do not exist;

(b) whether the Government have received any representation from the people of Cuddapah requesting them to start a Government College; and

(c) whether the Government have considered or propose to consider the question favourably?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
" (a) No. There is no college in the Nilgiri district also.
" (b) Yes.
" (c) The matter is under consideration."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU:—" May I know what the population of the Nilgiri district is?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
" About 3½ lakhs."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know whether actual consideration will be given to the proposal in the near future, or is it merely the usual answer ' the matter will be considered '."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
" I would allow the hon. Member to draw his own conclusion."

Children's Home in the Province.

* 122 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Homes in the Province where children are maintained apart from their parents and guardians and which are subject to inspection by any Government department;

(b) what arrangements exist for such inspection;

(c) whether there are Homes which are not subject to inspection; and

(d) what steps are proposed to make inspection possible in the case of all Homes?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—" (a) *Homes of Reformatory nature* (under the control of the Certified Schools department)—11 (4 Government Certified Schools, 3 private Certified Schools and 4 Remand Homes).

Other Homes (Boarding Homes and Orphanages under the control of the Education department)—312.

"(b) (i) *Homes of Reformatory nature—Certified Schools.*—The Chief Inspector of Certified Schools is required under the Madras Children Act to inspect every certified school at least once in every year. The schools are liable to inspection by the Chief Inspector at all times and in all their departments. The schools are also inspected by the committee of visitors, if they are Government Certified Schools. If they are private certified schools they are inspected by the governing body when they hold their monthly meetings; and the members of the governing body nominated by Government are also expected to visit the schools, apart from their attendance at the monthly meetings, at least once a quarter, the visits being made informally and without notice.

Remand Homes.—Remand Homes are visited by the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools annually, and by local officials periodically. For example, the City First-class Magistrate, Madura, and the President, Juvenile Court, Madura, visit the Remand Home at Madura regularly twice a month. The Health Officer of the Madura Municipality pays periodical visits. The Remand Home at Vellore is periodically visited by the Subdivisional Magistrate, who is also the President of the Children Aid Society, Vellore. The Remand Home at Salem is visited on all court days by the President of the Juvenile Court. Other officials also visit the institution occasionally. The Remand Home at Madras run by the Madras Children Aid Society is visited occasionally, e.g., by the Chief Presidency Magistrate and others.

(ii) *Other Homes* (under the control of the Education Department).—The Inspecting Officers are required to pay surprise visits to Boarding Homes in addition to the usual annual inspection and note whether the inmates are properly fed and whether the food supplied is wholesome enough to keep the inmates in a healthy condition. They are also required to see whether the inmates are kept in healthy surroundings and to this end the institutions are required to produce a sanitary certificate from a medical officer or an officer of the Public Health department.

"(c) All Homes under the control of Government are subject to inspection.

"(d) In view of the answer to clause (c), this does not arise."

Levy of tree tax.

*123 *Q.*—Sri S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any tree tax is levied in the Province;

(b) what are the trees liable to pay the tax;

(c) what amounts were realized through the tax since 1941-42 (yearwar and districtwar); and